

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 16 and 17 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 11, 12, 14 and 15 to read as follows. A marked-up copy of Claims 11, 12, 14 and 15, showing the changes made thereto, is attached. Note that all the claims currently pending in this application, including those not presently being amended, have been reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience.

1. A recording apparatus for rotating an endless belt member and supplying electricity to the belt member so as to attract a recording medium to the surface of the belt member and performing recording on the recording medium by a recording device, comprising:

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an electrical feeding member capable of feeding selectively a first electrical voltage value for attracting the recording medium or a second electrical voltage value for releasing the attraction of the recording medium to a position of the endless belt member located opposed to the recording device;

a conveyance failure detection element for detecting a conveyance failure of the recording medium; and

a control portion for performing control of said belt member and said electrical feeding member based on a detection signal of said conveyance failure detection

element, said electrical feeding member feeding the second electrical voltage value to the position of the endless belt member located opposed to the recording device.

2. The recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said conveyance failure detection element is a detection element which detects a separation gap of the recording medium on said belt member from said belt member in a direction toward said recording device.

3. The recording apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a discharge portion for discharging a recorded recording medium outside the apparatus and said conveyance failure detection element is a discharge conveyance failure detection element for detecting the conveyance failure of the recording medium in the vicinity of the discharge portion.

4. The recording apparatus according to any one of claim 1 to claim 3, wherein said recording device is an ink jet recording head for performing recording on the recording medium by emitting ink.

5. The recording apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said ink-jet recording head uses thermal energy as energy for emitting the ink.

Claims 6-10 previously cancelled.

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11. (Twice Amended) A recording apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein said electrical feeding member feeds the second electrical voltage value to the
endless belt member to reduce or remove an attraction force of the endless belt member at
the position opposed to the recording device.

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12. (Twice Amended) The recording apparatus according to claim 1,
further comprising a plurality of electrodes which line up in such a manner as to be along a
surface of the endless belt member that contacts the recording medium and said electrical
feeding member applies a voltage in such a manner that adjacent electrodes of said
plurality of electrodes have different potentials.

13. The recording apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said
plurality of electrodes are provided in the endless belt member.

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14. (Amended) The recording apparatus according to claim 12, wherein
said control portion controls said electrical feeding member to feed the second electrical
voltage value such that the potentials of said plurality of electrodes are equalized, based on
the detection signal of said conveyance failure detection element.

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15. (Twice Amended) The recording apparatus according to claim 12,
wherein said control portion controls said electrical feeding member to feed the second